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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
AB-33 (SUB-NO. 268X)
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD. --
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR ABANDONMENT--
IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO
NEGOTIATE A NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE

BACKGROUND

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On service date June 11, 2009, the Surface Transportation Board (the Board) served notice that the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502 and the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. 1152 Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 3.08-mile line of railroad known as the Capitol Industrial Lead, from milepost 92.21, the Shoreline connection, to the end of the line at milepost 89.13, south of Hampton Avenue in the northeast area of Milwaukee, in Milwaukee County, WI. This portion of the line traverses United State Postal Service Zip Codes 53209, 53211, 53212 and 53217.

On May 11, 2009, the County of Milwaukee (CMW) signed a Statement of Willingness to Accept Financial Responsibility pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 for the segment of UP railroad from milepost 92.21 to milepost 89.13, a total of approximately 3.08 miles.

The Board granted an NITU under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d), which was served on June 12, 2009, allowing CMW until December 9, 2009, to negotiate a rail banking agreement with UP.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors expressed its commitment to the acquisition of the subject corridor in 2009 through its authorization to submit a Federal Transportation Program grant application that seeks funding assistance for the acquisition of rights to the subject corridor and for development of a multiple-use trail therein.

Negotiations with the UP Railroad were delayed due to extenuating circumstances as a County-wide budget shortfall, which temporarily diverted attention away from numerous County initiatives, including the proposed trail development within the UP Rail corridor. Milwaukee County is still very interested in acquiring rights to the subject corridor and proceeding with the development of a trail facility therein.

The funding request submitted by the County to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, administered by Federal Highways Administration and WisDOT, and a related Statewide Multi-Modal Improvement grant application were both granted and the awards will be sufficient to allow the consummation of this project. The County is now engaging in the requisite federal acquisition process to comply with the award conditions, but the process is complex and requires additional time. Milwaukee County and the Union Pacific continue in productive discussions.

MOTION

Therefore, CMW moves that the period prescribed to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement be extended for 180 days for the rail corridor between milepost 92.21 to

milepost 89.13, a total of approximately 3.08 miles in the City of Milwaukee, in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Chung".

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing cover letter in regards to **AB33**
(Sub-No. 268X), by electronic mail, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1104.12, this 17th day of
November 2010, on all parties of record on the service list.

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